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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 8 and 12.

Add new claims 44, 45 and 46:

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--44. (New) The method of claim 7 or 11, wherein said protein fragments are produced from poly-ADP-ribose polymerase.

45. (New) The method of claim 44, wherein said protease cleavage products are produced by a protease selected from the group consisting of ICE, CPP32/apopain/Yama, ICH-1, TX/ICH-2/ICE<sub>rel</sub>III, ICE<sub>rel</sub>III, MH-1/MH-3/ICE-LAP3, Mch2, FLICE/Mch5, and ICE-LAP6/Mch6.

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